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Applicant: Steven MacWilliams Examiner: Monica S. Carter
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Applicant has received the final Office Action mailed March 27, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn because "a second or any subsequent action on the merits in any application ... will not be made final if it includes a rejection, on newly cited art, other than information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) ..., of any claim not amended ... in spite of the fact that other claims may have been amended to require newly cited art." MPEP § 706.07(a). In the response filed November 13, 2001, claims 22-25 were not amended and the Examiner rejected them on newly cited reference Verhines. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the premature Final rejection under MPEP 706.07(d).

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1, 8, 12, and 26. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Twice Amended) A label for attaching over an edge of a stock member, the label comprising:

a first layer having a first surface adapted to being printed on and a second surface; and